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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, Gary Mullard's Northern Stone Supply, Green Turquoise Stone Mine,
S/003/020, Box Elder County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 3, 1995
Time of Inspection: 10:00 a.m.
Conditions: Sunny, warm
Participants: Gary Mullard and Kim Fuller, Northern Stone Supply; Leon Berggren, Phil Allard, Dan Washington, Pam Schuller, and Rod Hardy, BLM; Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To determine compliance with BLM conditions on the site, familiarize DOGM staff with the site, and document current conditions.

Gary Mullard has spent considerable time and effort in cleaning up this particular site from past operations. Most of the stone that had been sluffing into the creek had been removed. There was a rock bank on the creek, and there was still some places where rocks have fallen into the creek itself.

After examining the area, Pam Schuller, BLM's riparian specialist, determined that more damage would be done removing additional stone in the area and it would be best if the remaining stone would be left in place.

Mr. Mullard's plans are to continue to remove stone from the slide area but he will be working from the backside so that additional stone will not slide into the creek but will stay on his landing.

We examined several of his landings. He is systemically cleaning up and removing stone. Most of it is the green quartz stone; however, he did have one landing that we examined that had several pallets of stacked stone, white to brownish white in color. Most of the landings and individual quarries of the area were anywhere from ½ to 1 acre in size. The BLM had recently determined approximately 7.5 acres of total surface disturbance, including all the landings, roads and his stacking/loading yard which was below the area.

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After the inspection, the BLM indicated that Mr. Mullard was in compliance with all of their conditions and they will continue their proceedings in the patent process which he had applied for. There are still some areas of this site that are outside the acreage in which the patent has been applied for, most of that being the stacking and loading yard at the bottom end of the site.

The DOGM status of this particular permit review of a Large Mining Notice is under suspension until the appeal has been completed with regards to the patenting process. From all indications, we could probably finalize our review of this site as a Large Mining Operation in the near future.

The BLM currently holds a bond on this site for \$15,000. This was because of the noncompliance situation they had found Mr. Mullard in last fall. They did not indicate, during the inspection, whether this bond would be returned, or whether we would use this bond as the final reclamation surety bond or adjust it as necessary as we complete the permit for this site. To my knowledge, the bond is only held by BLM. It is not a joint bond.

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cc: Gary Mullard, Northern Stone
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